

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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§ Group Art Unit: 1796

Serial No.: **10/776,887**

§ Confirmation No: 3325

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For: **"DRILLING FLUIDS WITH
IMPROVED SHALE INHIBITION AND
METHODS OF DRILLING IN
SUBTERRANEAN FORMATIONS"**

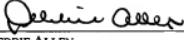
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 TO
NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION, MAILED MAY 11, 2009

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 11, 2009 (the "Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

- **Amendments to the Claims**, which begin on page 2 of this paper and
- **Remarks/Arguments**, which begin on page 11 of this paper.